



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back after a cold two weeks break – and it's still fairly wintry. During the break, we have washed many, many items of school uniform in very good condition. We are selling these very cheaply, so if you need that extra warm item for when the washing just won't dry, now might be the time to do so.

Parent Opinion

Last term, we received responses from a number of you, answering a few questions that will assist us with our self-evaluation process and confirming the direction the school will take in the future. That was our own internal survey. However, each year, the Department of Education conducts a Parent Opinion Survey; this shall be distributed on Friday, and needs to be returned within one week.

It should take no more than 20 minutes to complete, and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be. Families will be randomly selected using our administration computer system; if your child brings home a survey this Friday, please take the time to complete it; and return it to school.

All responses remain anonymous; they remain sealed at school and are sent to the company to collate and analyse.

I thank you in anticipation of having a high response rate to these surveys, they are important to us.

Asbestos Labelling

You may have seen some labels on some of our buildings. As I informed you in the last newsletter, the audit took place in the holidays and these labels have been placed on the buildings that we know contain asbestos.

It is nothing to be alarmed about; we already know of the presence of it in our main building and the older ones; After School Care and Multi-Purpose rooms. Asbestos is not an issue when the areas are maintained and remain intact. And checking this is an ongoing and regular part of our maintenance and inspection program.

All portable buildings and the BER are totally free of asbestos as they have been manufactured more recently.

PIT Gym

The program has got off to a great start; the children just love it. It's these times when I think we all appreciate that the sessions have already been paid for at the beginning of the year, and there's not the mad scramble to have the money paid so soon after the holidays. We'll certainly publish some photos in the coming weeks.

Earn and Learn

This is on again; for those who are unfamiliar with the concept, shopping at Woolworths can earn the school points which in turn bring us free educational resources. Last time we participated, we managed to access some terrific junior calculators, maths games and wet day classroom activities. So, if you shop at Woolworths, please make sure you ask for the stickers. Your child can bring them to school and add to our collection. The Earn and Learn collection box is in the office area.

Moorella Duffy

The final coat of sealant has been applied, and the big day for her is next Wednesday. Sonia Boots and Maria Phokos will be taking eight students to the Picasso Cow judging. Moorella will also be taken there in a special vehicle designed for four footed animals. There has been a great atmosphere around the planning of the design and the application of the paintwork; our thanks go to all the parents and students who put in so much time and effort into the artistic completion. I'm sure we will hear more about this special day in our next newsletter.

PREP ENROLMENTS

It's that time; Prep enrolments need to be submitted now!

Remember we also need a copy of birth certificate (or passport) and an immunisation certificate: these can be obtained through the Darebin Council.

Helen Miller
Principal

DIARY DATES

27th July Pit Gymnastics – (Year 1 – Year 6)
 28th July Pit Gymnastics - Preps
 29th July Ride 2 School Day
 Picasso Cow judging and celebration
 31st July Scholastic Book Club orders due
 3rd August Pit Gymnastics – (Year 1 – Year 6)
 School Council Meeting at 7:00pm
 4th August Pit Gymnastics – Preps

Book Fair commences

5th August Book Fair
Parent Forum – Cyber Safety 6.00-7.30
 6th August Book Fair
 7th August Jeans for Genes Day
 Book Fair
 10th August Pit Gymnastics – (Year 1 – Year 6)
 11th August Pit Gymnastics – Preps

14th August Basketball Round Robin – Year 3/4
 At Reservoir High School
 17th August Pit Gymnastics – (Year 1 – Year 6)
 18th August Pit Gymnastics – Preps
 20th August Ride2School
 21st August Basketball Round Robin – Year 5/6
 At Reservoir High School
 24th August Pit Gymnastics – (Year 1 – Year 6)
 25th August Pit Gymnastics – Preps
 28th August Kanga Cricket – Year 3/4
 31st August Pit Gymnastics – (Year 1 – Year 2)
 1st Sept. Pit Gymnastics - Preps
 7th Sept. Pit Gymnastics – (Year 1 – Year 2)
 8th Sept. Pit Gymnastics – Preps
 15th Sept. Arts Expo (More details later in the term)
 16th Sept. Arts Expo
 18th Sept. Last Day of Term 3

Term 4: 5th October – 18th December

STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with **Student of the Week** awards at Assembly on the 26th June 2015:

Pancake Parlour Awards:

Riya, Derek, Miller, Mia A., Hebatallah, Rory, Leah, Otis, Hayden, Matthew Y., Thamir, Gabrielle, Thamilini, Edward, Jordan, Makelita, Kael, Stephanie, Benjamin, Tahlara, Zalia and Victoria.

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with **Student of the Week** awards at Assembly on the 17th of July 2015:

Xanthe, Arthur, Pundri, Matilda, Faris, Chantel, Karan, Marley, Krrish, Boutros, Dylan K., Joshua I., Sina, Abby F., Tien, Despoina, Eve, Kloe, Thomas, James Z., Soumaya and Otis

Encouragement Awards:

Katherine, Leo, Zach H., Ibrahim W., Anaelle, Leah, Hala Alq., Kenji, Khong, Keith, Maria P., Taleah and Amuka.

The "You Can Do It" award was presented to Group 8 for a kind and caring start to the term. Well done for looking after each other.

'Birthday Greetings' to the following students who are celebrating a birthday in the coming weeks or since the term commenced:

Anhad, Carlotta, Jamielee, Viktoriia, Noah, Kyra, Marley, Ayden, Angelpreet, Ahmed U., Mia S., Henry, Niven, Yug, Tulin, Adrian, Boutros, Isabella T., Serajadden, Aadhvik, Melak and Sahan.

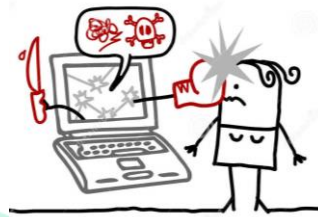


SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

All Scholastic Book Club orders and money are due at school by Friday 31/7/2015.

Thank you

Cyber Safety Family Forum Wednesday August 5th, 6 – 7.30pm



Dear parents/carers,

At Reservoir Primary we are aware of the importance of keeping our students safe when accessing and using online technologies. For this reason, we are hosting a CYBER SAFETY FAMILY FORUM. It will be an interactive opportunity for you and your children to share information and strategies for fun and safety online.

Kate Wilde who is running the Forum is an educator, counsellor and development worker with over twenty years' experience working with schools and young people.

We look forward to providing this opportunity to our school community and hope to see you there.

From the eSmart committee

SIX REASONS TO ATTEND....

- 1) Nearly **42% of kids have been bullied online** and almost one in four have had it happen more than once.
- 2) About **75% have visited a website bullying another** student.
- 3) About **21% of kids have received** mean or threatening e-mails.
- 4) Around 34% of youth have seen **inappropriate material online** that they did not want to see
- 5) **1 in 7 kids (12 to 17yrs) have been approached** online by somebody who they do not know
- 6) **Parents have the biggest role to play in cyber safety but 70% of parents do not know when their child has been bullied or harassed online!**

Ride2School Day **June Report 2015**

Walking For Good Health

Walking with others can turn exercising into an enjoyable social occasion. So make sure you meet with your friends for a great 'Walk to school' journey.

Walking is a fantastic activity for you and your children. It's free, you can be spontaneous and it's a great way to spend quality time together.

Everyone knows how to walk, and as soon as your child has mastered the art, it's one of the easiest ways in the world to be physically active. You can do it virtually anywhere without special or expensive gear - just a comfortable pair of shoes.

Getting children walking from a young age is an investment for life, developing road awareness in time for independent walking as a teenager and creating good habits for an active life as an adult.

Why walk?

It's fun and interesting. You get to notice things along the way and meet people in your neighbourhood.

It's sociable. Children love walking with their friends, especially on the journey to school.

It makes them feel good. The exercise makes them feel calmer and happier and it improves their concentration, making it easier to focus in school.

It promotes independence and freedom. Children can make more decisions about their journey than they can in the car. They can choose to stop and look at something along the way and they can start to make decisions about road safety. For older children, walking independently offers some time to themselves.

There are other benefits to walking, too. It helps keep you and your kids healthy in mind as well as body, helping to boost your mood and self-esteem. What's more, many teachers report that kids who walk and cycle to school are more alert and ready to learn than those who arrive by car.

*The winner of the Active Traveller Award with 96% of students walking or riding to school for the month of June was surprise, surprise once again **Group 14**. They were up by 4% compared to last month. Keep walking and talking Group 14!*

Congratulations to all our active students from Group 14.

Did your class make the Top 5?

1. Group 14 with 96%
2. Group 5 with 79%
3. Group 8 with 74%
4. Group 13 with 70%
5. Group 4, 9 and 10 with 68%

The results speak for themselves! A great effort everybody!

It was very pleasing to see some new groups enter the chart this month with a steady win and one group moving up gradually to first position. Keep active and stay healthy everyone!

Our next Ride2school morning will be **Wednesday 29th July 2015**.

Thank you

Young Leaders/Junior School Councillors and Maria Phokos

What is Jeans for Genes?

Jeans for Genes is the iconic fundraising campaign of Children's Medical Research Institute.

Each year, Australians unite by wearing their favourite jeans and outdoing each other with crazy denim outfits, and donating money or purchasing merchandise, to support genetic research.

On the first Friday in August each year workplaces, schools and streets become a sea of denim in a united stance against childhood disease. This year it will be **Friday 7th August**.

Reservoir Primary students will be participating in this fundraising event.

Each student will be asked to **donate a gold coin**.

Every dollar raised on the day helps scientists at Children's Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.

So come on everybody denim up and help cure childhood disease!

Thank you

Young Leaders/ Junior School Councillors and all Staff members.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

COMING SOON.....

COMMENCES TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST AT 3:30PM

It's nearly time again for our annual Scholastic Book Fair!!!
Parents and children are all welcome to attend.

Every item that is bought at the Book Fair benefits our school!! So join us in making our Book Fair a huge success. Last year we received **\$1164** worth of books for our Library from the sales made at the Book Fair, which was our best result ever.

There will be lots of books available, discounted books, posters, gift packs and novelty items so come along and have a look.

So start saving now and we hope to see you at the Book Fair which opens at 3:30pm on the 4th of August and closes on Friday the 7th of August at 4:00pm!

** On the Tuesday when the Book Fair arrives we will set it all up and then show the children our display so that they know what books and novelty items are available. Some items do sell out quickly but we are able to re-order books and these are always available the week after the Book Fair closes.

This year we will be having a colouring competition as part of the Book Fair and prizes for the best entries will be awarded at Assembly on Friday 14th of August.

OPEN TIMES FOR THE BOOK FAIR:

Tuesday 4 th August	3:30pm – 4:00pm		
Wednesday 5 th August	8:30am – 9:00am	&	3:30pm – 4:00pm
Thursday 6 th August	8:30am – 9:00am	&	3:30pm – 4:00pm
Friday 7 th August	8:30am – 9:00am	&	3:30pm – 4:00pm



Explore the path to Reading

TIP 1

Reading to your baby

Babies love it when you read them stories, poems and rhymes. Board books and cloth books are often the first books children will come across. Reading aloud builds listening, memory and vocabulary skills.

From the Well Read People of Dymocks



TIP 2

How to choose the right book

To tell if a book is just right for your child use the five-finger test. Open the book to a middle page and ask them to read. If there are 5 words or less they don't know then the book should be 'just right' for them.

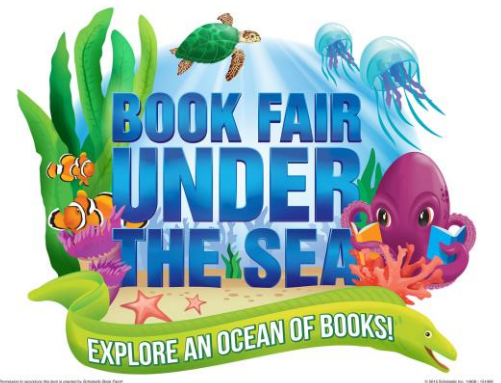
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TIP 3

For emerging readers

Readers in the emergent stage of reading are usually those who are just gaining an understanding of how a text works. They will display good book handling behaviours, they will know where the book begins and ends and they understand that print and pictures convey a message.*

* Ryan Spencer, Clinical Teaching Specialist; Lecturer in Literacy Education at University of Canberra.



TIP 4

Kids need to like what they're reading to progress

When we restrict choice children frequently see this as an indicator of their reading capability and therefore meet that low expectation. Once we take the restrictions away from what children read, their self-efficacy towards reading increases, therefore leading to an increase in their reading ability.*

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TIP 5

Like father, like son

When boys see their fathers as frequent and resourceful readers, this sets the scene for their future reading lives. Reading at home together is an excellent way to build quality reading time. Make a special time together on weekends to venture to the local library or bookstore.*

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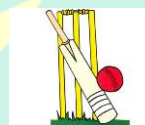
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WINTER WONDERLAND

SNOW IS COMING TO THOMASTOWN

FREE Family Fun

Saturday 1st August 10:00am – 1:00pm

Thomastown Primary School – Spring Street, Thomastown.

